

YA Death and Dying

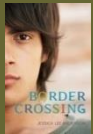
YA FICTION



Jimi & me by Jaime Adoff

YA F ADO

After his father's tragic death, twelve-year-old Keith James moves from Brooklyn to a small midwestern town where his mixed race heritage is not accepted, but he finds comfort in the music of Jimi Hendrix and the friendship of a white classmate.



Border crossing by Jessica Lee Anderson

YA F AND

Manz, a troubled fifteen-year-old, ruminates over his Mexican father's death, his mother's drinking, and his stillborn stepbrother until the voices he hears in his head take over and he cannot tell reality from delusion.



Wintergirls by Laurie Halse Anderson

YA F AND

Eighteen-year-old Lia comes to terms with her best friend's death from anorexia as she struggles with the same disorder.



Freefall by Ariela Anhalt

YA F ANH

Briar Academy senior Luke prefers avoiding conflict and letting others make his decisions, but he is compelled to choose whether or not to stand by the best friend whose reckless behavior has endangered Luke and may have caused another student's death.



Friends of the heart = Amici del cuore by Kate Banks

YA F BAN

During a summer at her grandparents' Italian seaside home, thirteen-year-old Lucrezia faces a changing relationship with her best friend Oliver and great personal tragedy.



Walk softly, Rachel by Kate Banks

YA F BAN

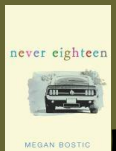
When fourteen-year-old Rachel reads the journal of her brother, who died when she was seven, she learns secrets that help her understand her parents and herself



Tiger eyes: a novel by Judy Blume

YA F BLU

Resettled in the "Bomb City" with her mother and brother, Davey Wexler recovers from the shock of her father's death during a holdup of his 7-Eleven store in Atlantic City.



Never Eighteen by Megan Bostic

YA F BO\$

Seventeen-year-old Austin, aware that life is short, asks his best friend and secret love, Kaylee, to take him to visit people and places in and around Tacoma, Washington, so that he can try to make a difference in the time he has left.



Random by Lesley Choyce

YA F CHO

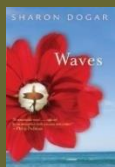
Teenager Joe Campbell struggles with life's larger meaning after his parents are killed in a car accident, but is assisted in his quest by good friends Gloria and Dean.



The truth about forever by Sarah Dessen

YA F DES

The summer following her father's death, Macy plans to work at the library and wait for her brainy boyfriend to return from camp, but instead she goes to work at a catering business where she makes new friends and finally faces her grief.



Waves by Sharon Dogar

YA F DOG

Hal feels eerily connected to his comatose older sister as she hovers between life and death in a hospital. Hal believes his sister is trying to communicate with him as he tries to solve the mystery of her accident.



A swift pure cry by Siobhan Dowd

YA F DOW

Coolbar, Ireland, is a village of secrets and Shell, caretaker to her younger brother and sister after the death of their mother and with the absence of their father, is not about to reveal hers until suspicion falls on the wrong person.



Everything is fine by Ann Dee Ellis

YA F ELL

When her father leaves for a job out of town, Mazzy is left at home to try to cope with her mother, who has been severely depressed since the death of Mazzy's baby sister.



The Girl in the Park by Mariah Fredericks

YA F FRE

When a teenaged girl with a bad reputation is murdered in New York City's Central Park after a party, her childhood friend is determined to solve the mystery of who caused her death.



The Survival Kit by Donna Freitas

YA F FRE

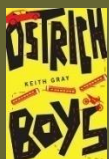
After her mother dies, sixteen-year-old Rose works through her grief by finding meaning in a survival kit that her mother left behind.



Say the word by Jeannine Garsee

YA F GAR

After the death of her estranged mother, who left Ohio years ago to live with her lesbian partner in New York City, seventeen-year-old Shawna Gallagher's life is transformed by revelations about her family, her best friend, and herself.



Ostrich boys by Keith Gray

YA F GRA

After their best friend Ross dies, English teenagers Blake, Kenny, and Sim plan a proper memorial by taking his ashes to Ross, Scotland, an adventure-filled journey that tests their loyalty to each other and forces them to question what friendship means.



Looking for Alaska: a novel by John Green

YA F GRE

Sixteen-year-old Miles' first year at Culver Creek Preparatory School in Alabama includes good friends and great pranks, but is defined by the search for answers about life and death after a fatal car crash.



Where I want to be by Adele Griffin

YA F GRI

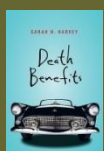
Two teenaged sisters, separated by death but still connected, work through their feelings of loss over the closeness they shared as children that was later destroyed by one's mental illness, and finally make peace with each other.



Who I Kissed by Janet Gurtler

YA F GUR

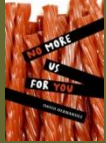
Samantha didn't mean to hurt anyone. She was just trying to fit in she wanted to make Zee a little jealous after he completely ditched her for a prettier girl. So she kissed Alex. And then he died--right in her arms. Sam is now the school pariah and a media sensation. Consumed with guilt, she'll have to find strength that goes way deeper than the fastest time in the 200-meter butterfly. Because if she can't figure out how to forgive herself, no one else will either.



Death benefit by Sarah N. Harvey

YA F HAR

Royce is miserable when his mother uproots him and drags him across the country to help look after his ailing, 95-year-old grandfather, an eccentric, cantankerous former cellist.



No more us; for you by David Hernandez

YA F HER

Isabel and Carlos, both seventeen, find themselves growing closer after an unexpected accident forces them to confront both the harshness and the beauty of life.



Smoke by Ellen Hopkins

YA F HOP

After the death of her abusive father and loss of her beloved Ethan and their unborn child, Pattyn runs away, desperately seeking peace, as her younger sister, a sophomore in high school, also tries to put the pieces of her life back together.



The secret year by Jennifer R. Hubbard

YA F HUB

Reading the journal of the high-society girl he was secretly involved with for a year helps high school senior Colt cope with her death and come closer to understanding why she needed him while continuing to be the girlfriend of a wealthy classmate.



Paper Covers; Rock by Jenny Hubbard

YA F HUB

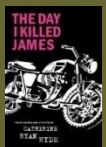
In 1982 Buncombe County, North Carolina, sixteen-year-old Alex Stromm writes of the aftermath of the accidental drowning of a friend, as his English teacher reaches out to him while he and a fellow boarding school student try to cover things up.



The Everafter by Amy Huntley

YA F HUN

After her death, seventeen-year-old Maddy finds a way to revisit moments in her life by using objects that she lost while she was alive, and by so doing she tries to figure out the complicated emotions, events, and meaning of her existence.



The day I killed James by Catherine Ryan Hyde

YA F HYD

Seventeen-year-old Theresa tries to get past the guilt she feels over the death of a neighbor who loved her, first through a journal her therapist tells her to keep, then by transforming herself and starting a new life.



The Girl in the Mirror by Meg Kearney

YA F KEA

In a series of poems and journal entries, seventeen-year-old Lizzie grieves over the death of her adoptive father, as her plans for college and search for her birth mother are put on hold. Includes a guide to poetic forms.



Alabama moon by Watt Key

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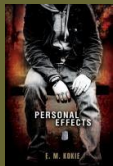
After the death of his father, ten-year-old Moon leaves their forest shelter home and is sent to an Alabama institution, becoming entangled in the outside world he has never known and making good friends, a relentless enemy, and finally a new life.



Please ignore Vera Dietz by A.S. King

YA F KIN

When her best friend, whom she secretly loves, betrays her and then dies under mysterious circumstances, high school senior Vera Dietz struggles with secrets that could help clear his name.



Personal Effects by E.M. Kokie

YA F KOK

Matt has been sleepwalking through life while seeking answers about his brother T.J.'s death in Iraq, but after discovering that he may not have known his brother as well as he thought he did, Matt is able to stand up to his father, honor T.J.'s memory, and take charge of his own life.



Pieces by Chris Lynch

YA F LYN

Eighteen-year-old Eric deals with the loss of his older brother Duane by meeting three of the seven recipients of Duane's organs a year after his death, and pondering who they are to him, and he to them.



The piper's son by Melina Marchetta

YA F MAR

After his favorite uncle's violent death, Tom Mackee watches his family implode, quits school, and turns his back on music and everyone who matters, and while he is in no shape to mend what is broken, he fears that no one else is, either.



Hamlet: a novel by John Marsden

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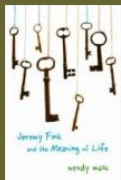
Grieving for the recent death of his beloved father and appalled by his mother's quick remarriage to his uncle, Hamlet, heir to the Danish throne, struggles with conflicting emotions, particularly after his father's ghost appeals to him to avenge his death.



My Beating Teenage Heart by C.K. Kelly Martin

YA F MAR

Two unexpected and heartbreaking deaths cause the lives of two very different teenagers to become intertwined as one struggles to deal with his grief and stay in this world, and the other finds herself inexplicably caught between this world and the next.



Jeremy Fink and the meaning of life by Wendy Mass

YA F MAS

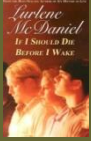
Just before his thirteenth birthday, Jeremy Fink receives a keyless locked box--set aside by his father before his death five years earlier--that purportedly contains the meaning of life.



One Moment by Kristina McBride

YA F MCB

Rising high school senior Maggie remembers little about the accidental death of her boyfriend, Joey, but as she slowly begins to recall that day at the gorge with their long-time friends, she realizes he was keeping some terrible secrets.



If I should die before I wake by Lurlene McDaniel

YA F MCD

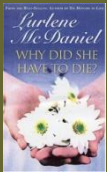
Fourteen-year-old Deanne is not cut out to be the socialite her mother wants her to be. Instead she becomes a VolunTeen at the children's hospital where her father works, eventually working on the oncology floor, helping kids with cancer deal with their illness. But when one of her patients dies, can she continue?



Mother, please don't die by Lurlene McDaniel

YA F MCD

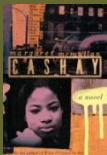
Thirteen-year-old tomboy, Megan McCaffery is just beginning to enjoy growing up when her mother is diagnosed with a cancerous brain tumor. Suddenly, her life is turned upside down, her hurt and anger coming between Megan and everyone she cares about, until she realizes what her real priorities are.



Why did she have to die? by Lurlene McDaniel

YA F MCD

Thirteen-year-old Elly Rowan is living in the shadow of her 14-year-old "perfect" sister, Kathy, the golden child in the family. Suddenly, Kathy is gone and Elly is left to find her way alone, rather than follow in Kathy's footsteps.



Cashay by Margaret McMullan

YA F MCM

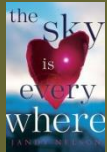
When her world is turned upside down by her sister's death, a mentor is assigned to fourteen-year-old Cashay to help her through her anger and grief.



Echo by Kate Morgenroth

YA F MOR

After Justin witnesses his brother's accidental shooting death, he must live with the repercussions, as the same horrific day seems to happen over and over.



The sky is everywhere by Jandy Nelson

YA F NEL

In the months after her sister dies, seventeen-year-old Lennie falls into a love triangle and discovers the strength to follow her dream of becoming a musician.



Saving Zoe by Alyson Noel

YA F NOE

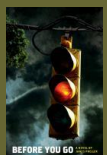
Instead of a fresh start, high school provides more grief and isolation to Echo, whose older sister died a year earlier, but insights gained from Zoe's diary--a fifteenth birthday gift from Zoe's boyfriend--about her sister's life and death change Echo in ways she could have never expected.



Dirty little secrets by C.J. Omololu

YA F OMO

When her unstable mother dies unexpectedly, sixteen-year-old Lucy must take control and find a way to keep the long-held secret of her mother's compulsive hoarding from being revealed to friends, neighbors, and especially the media.



Before You Go by James Preller

YA F PRE

Unable to recover from the guilt of his younger sister's death when he was supposed to be watching her, Jude endures a bleak and silent existence the summer before his senior year before finding the strength to move on.



Under the wolf, under the dog by Adam Rapp

YA F RAP

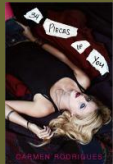
Sixteen-year-old Steve struggles to make sense of his mother's terminal breast cancer and his brother's suicide.



Night Terrors by Sean Rodman

YA F ROD

Ever since he saw his little brother drown, Dylan has had nightmares from which he wakes screaming. When he volunteers to close up a remote wilderness resort for the winter, things only get worse.



34 Pieces of You by Carmen Rodriguez

YA F ROD

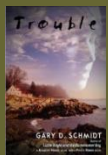
After Ellie dies of a drug overdose, her brother, her best friend, and her best friend's sister face painful secrets of their own when they try to uncover the truth about Ellie's death.



Zen & Xander undone by Amy Kathleen Ryan

YA F RYA

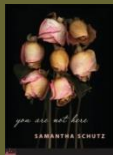
Two teenaged sisters try to come to terms with the death of their mother in very different ways



Trouble by Gary D. Schmidt

YA F SCH

Fourteen-year-old Henry, wishing to honor his brother Franklin's dying wish, sets out to hike Maine's Mount Katahdin with his best friend and dog. But fate adds another companion--the Cambodian refugee accused of fatally injuring Franklin--and reveals troubles that predate the accident.



You are not here by Samantha Schutz

YA F SCH

Annaleah's grief over the tragic death of seventeen-year-old Brian is compounded by the fact that her friends did not like him, while his friends and both of their families knew nothing of their intimate relationship.



One of the survivors by Susan Shaw

YA F SHA

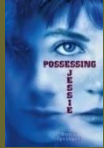
When his classmates die in a school fire, fourteen-year-old Joey is haunted by their deaths and struggles to survive amidst suspicion and anger from the town.



The way he lived by Emily Wing Smith

YA F SMI

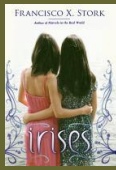
When Joel Espen, a closeted gay 16-year-old, dies of thirst on a Boy Scout hiking trip, it shakes the small Mormon town of Haven, Utah, to its socially conformist foundation. And the six teens who had been closest to Joel start to view their community--and themselves--in a new light.



Possessing Jessie by Nancy Springer

YA F SPR

High school senior Jessie, blaming herself for her selfish, manipulative brother Jason's death, tries to comfort her bereft mother by dressing and talking like him, but soon his spirit is taking over her life, while Jessie's best friend Alisha desperately tries to save her.



Iriset by Francisco X. Stork

YA F STO

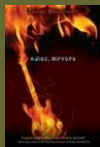
Kate, eighteen, and Mary, sixteen, must make some adult decisions about the course their lives should take when their loving but old-fashioned father dies suddenly, leaving them with their mother, who has been in a persistent vegetative state since an accident four years earlier.



Fall for anything by Courtney Summers

YA F SUM

As she searches for clues that would explain the suicide of her successful photographer father, Eddie Reeves meets the strangely compelling Culler Evans who seems to know a great deal about her father and could hold the key to the mystery surrounding his death.



Adios, nirvana by Conrad Wesselhoeft

YA F WES

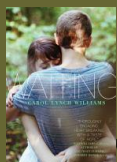
As Seattle sixteen-year-old Jonathan helps a dying man come to terms with a tragic event he experienced during World War II, Jonathan begins facing his own demons, especially the death of his twin brother, helped by an assortment of friends, old and new.



When You Were Here by Daisy Whitney

YA F WHI

When his mother dies three weeks before his high school graduation, Danny goes to Tokyo, where his mother had been going for cancer treatments, to learn about the city his mother loved and, with the help of his friends, come to terms with her death.



Waiting by Carol Lynch Williams

YA F WIL

As the tragic death of her older brother devastates the family, teenaged London struggles to find redemption and finds herself torn between her brother's best friend and a handsome new boy in town.



Blind faith by Ellen Wittlinger

YA F WIT

While coping with her grandmother's sudden death and her mother's resulting depression and fascination with a spiritualist church, whose ministers claim to communicate with the dead, fifteen-year-old Liz finds herself falling for a new neighbor whose mother is dying of cancer.

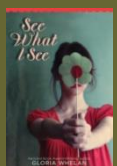


Elsewhere by Gabrielle Zevin

YA F ZEV

After fifteen-year-old Liz Hall is hit by a taxi and killed, she finds herself in a place that is both like and unlike Earth, where she must adjust to her new status and figure out how to "live."

YA Distractions



See what I see by Gloria Whelan

Distraction; YA F WHE

When eighteen-year-old Kate arrives on the Detroit doorstep of her long-estranged father, a famous painter, she is shocked to learn that he is dying and does not want to support her efforts to attend the local art school.

YA Fantasy/Sci-Fi



Before I fall by Lauren Oliver

Fant/SciFi YA F OLI

After she dies in a car crash, teenage Samantha relives the day of her death over and over again until, on the seventh day, she finally discovers a way to save herself.

YA Oldies



Missing girl by Lois Metzger

Oldies YA F MET

During eighth grade, Carrie moves in with her grandmother, becomes friends with an indrawn classmate, and comes to terms with her mother's death.

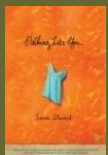
YA True Love



Take me there by Carolee Dean

True Love YA F DEA

After violating his parole, seventeen-year-old, semi-literate Dylan Dawson drives from California to Texas to try to see his father on death row in an attempt to figure out how his own life has gone so terribly awry.



Nothing like you by Lauren Strassnick

True Love YA F STR

Six months after her mother's death, seventeen-year-old Holly finds some happiness in a secret affair with Paul, a boy she barely knows, but after becoming friends with Paul's girlfriend, Saskia, Holly worries that her best friend, Nils, or Saskia will learn the devastating truth.

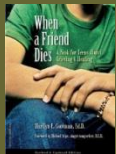
Non-Fiction:



Sometimes life sucks; when someone you love dies by Molly Carlile

YA 155.937 CAR

A thorough, gentle book for teens to navigate their personal experience of grief, and for parents and teachers to use with teens struggling with loss. Whether it's the death of a grandparent, pet, school friend, a teen fatality, a peer with terminal illness, living without a parent, or the death of a celebrity, teenagers experience loss in many ways and must struggle to come to terms with their shock and grief.

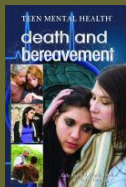


When a friend dies; a book for teens; about grieving & healing by Marilyn

E. Gootman

YA 155.937 GOO

With a new Foreword by the lead singer of R.E.M., this revised edition of Gootman's helpful guide includes new resources and a new section on losing a friend through violence. Recommended for parents and teachers of teens who have experienced a painful loss.



Death and Bereavement by Jody Kornfeld

YA 155.937 KOM

Provides information about death and grief, including the range of feelings after a death, experiencing the death of a family member, and visiting support groups.



Death: corpses, cadavers, and other grave matters by Elizabeth A.

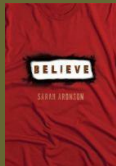
Murray

YA 616.075 MUR

Matters of life and death -- The body in crisis -- Death's timetable -- At death's doorstep -- Manner and cause of death -- All that remains: postmortem changes -- Death benefits: life after death.

Suicide:

YA Fiction



Believe by Sarah Aronson

YA F ARO

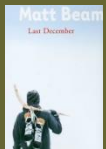
When Jaime Freeman was six years old, she was the only survivor of a suicide bombing that killed her parents and dozens of others. Since then, she's become a symbol of hope, peace, faith-of whatever anyone wants her to be. Now she's sixteen, and it's time for her to stop being a symbol and to start being her own person-whomever that is.



Thirteen reasons why: a novel by Jay Asher

YA F ASH

When high school student Clay Jenkins receives a box in the mail containing thirteen cassette tapes recorded by his classmate Hannah, who committed suicide, he spends a bewildering and heartbreaking night crisscrossing their town, listening to Hannah's voice recounting the events leading up to her death.



Last December by Matt Beam

YA F BEA

Written in the form of a suicide note from a teenaged boy to his unborn sister, tells the story of how a ninth-grader comes to accept his less than ideal life after witnessing the struggles of a friend with serious depression.



I Swear by Lane Davis

YA F DAV

After years of abuse from her classmates, Leslie Gatlin kills herself. Now, her bullies reflect on how things got so far out of hand.



Forget Me Not by Carolee Dean

YA F DEA

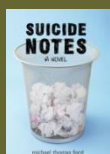
Told from separate viewpoints, Ally discovers that she may have tried to kill herself and Elijah, recalling his own suicide attempt, tries to give Ally a reason to live and escape from the spirits that haunt their high school.



Stay with me by Garret Freymann-Weyr

YA F FRE

When her sister kills herself, sixteen-year-old Leila goes looking for a reason and, instead, discovers great love, her family's true history, and what her own place in it is.



Suicide notes by Michael Thomas Ford

YA F FOR

Brimming with sarcasm, fifteen-year-old Jeff describes his stay in a psychiatric ward after attempting to commit suicide.



The anatomy of wings by Karen Foxlee

YA F FOX

After the suicide of her troubled teenage sister, eleven-year-old Jenny struggles to understand what actually happened.



What happened to Cass McBride? : a novel by Gail Giles

YA F GIL

After his younger brother commits suicide, Kyle Kirby decides to exact revenge on the person he holds responsible.



Impulse by Ellen Hopkins

YA F HOP

Three teens who meet at Reno, Nevada's Aspen Springs mental hospital after each has attempted suicide connect with each other in a way they never have with their parents or anyone else in their lives.



Jay's Journal by Beatrice Sparks

YA F JAY

A withdrawn adolescent boy's initiation into the occult draws him ever deeper into the bizarre world of witchcraft, voodoo, and satanism until, at age sixteen, he commits suicide.



Hold still by Nina LaCour

YA F LAC

Ingrid didn't leave a note. Three months after her best friend's suicide, Caitlin finds what she left instead: a journal, hidden under Caitlin's bed.



Fall to Pieces by Vahini Naidoo

YA F NAI

Knowing that two friends are lying and keeping secrets about the night another friend killed herself, seventeen-year-old Ella searches for the truth.



Two or Three Things I Forgot to Tell You by Joyce Carol Oates

YA F OAT

When their best friend, Tink, dies from an apparent suicide, high school seniors Merissa and Nadia are alienated by their secrets, adrift from each other and from themselves.



By the time you read this, I'll be dead by Julie Anne Peters

YA F PET

High school student Daelyn Rice, who's been bullied throughout her school career and has more than once attempted suicide, again makes plans to kill herself, in spite of the persistent attempts of an unusual boy to draw her out.



Forgive Me, Leonard Peacock by Matthew Quick

YA F QUI

A day in the life of a suicidal teen boy saying good-bye to the four people who matter most to him.



Fall for Anything by Courtney Summers

YA F SUM

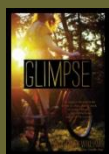
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Trigger by Susan Vaught

YA F VAU

Teenager Jersey Hatch must work through his extensive brain damage to figure out why he decided to shoot himself.



Glimpse by Carol Lynch Williams

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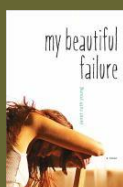
Living with their mother who earns money as a prostitute, two sisters take care of each other and when the older one attempts suicide, the younger one tries to uncover the reason.



What they always tell us by Martin Wilson

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Sixteen-year-old Alex feels so disconnected from his friends that he starts his junior year at a Tuscaloosa, Alabama, high school by attempting suicide, but soon, a friend of his older brother draws him into cross-country running and a new understanding of himself.



My Beautiful Failure by Janet Ruth Young

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While dealing with the recovery of his mentally ill father, sophomore in high school Billy volunteers at a suicide prevention line and falls for one of the incoming callers.

YA Fantasy/Sci-Fi



The Cupid war: all love is warfare by Timothy Carter Fant/SciFi YA F CAR

Seventeen-year-old Ricky Fallon was contemplating suicide when he slipped and fell, only to find himself a Cupid in the afterlife, but between the bad boss, a pink bodysuit, and attacks from shadowy entities called Suicides, he is not feeling much love.

YA Whodunit



You know where to find me by Rachel Cohn

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In the wake of her cousin's suicide, overweight and introverted seventeen-year-old Miles experiences significant changes in her relationships with her mother and father, her best friend Jamal and his family, and her cousin's father, while gaining insights about herself, both positive and negative.

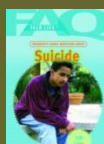
Non-fiction:



The power to prevent suicide: a guide for teens; helping teens; by Richard E. Nelson

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Learn how to help people who are considering suicide



FAQ about suicide by Sandra Giddens

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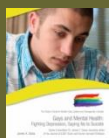
A guide intended to assist teens at risk for suicide and or who know someone else in a potentially suicidal situation.



Teen suicide by Lorena Huddle

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Discusses teen suicide, the warning signs, prevention and intervention, and coping with grief and loss after a suicide.



**Gay, and mental health: fighting depression, saying no to suicide by
Jaime A. Seba** **YA 616.89 \$EB**
Explores homosexuality in places outside the United States.

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